

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether Government are aware that there is disparity in regard to the price?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Government have no information.

President. If any instance is shown, Government will make enquiries. But is this disparity only with regard to the price and not with regard to the quality?

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : Of course, the quality must be lower. Anyway, the price of medicines sold in the pharmacy in Trivandrum is much lower than anywhere else.

Honoraria to the members of the Legislature.

245. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the honorarium now given to the members of the Legislature is given in lieu of their travelling allowances?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : It is in lieu of the travelling and daily allowances due to the members for attending the meetings of the Legislature.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the honorarium paid to the members of the Legislature in lieu of T. A. and daily allowance is taken as income?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Government are not aware, but it will be enquired into.

President : It is a wrong procedure. It is never done anywhere else and we will look into the matter. The Secretary will make a note of it.

Posting of low-paid officers near their homes.

246. ***Mr. G. Madhavan (Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a Government order to the effect that low paid officers are to be posted as far as possible near their homes; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative whether that order is put into practice?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know whether any instructions have been given to the departmental heads to that effect.

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : No instructions have been given to the departmental heads. Considering representations from the subordinate staff, the departmental heads post them to their native places as far as possible.

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Mr. G. Madhavan: May I know whether it is the policy of Government?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: It cannot be said to be the policy of Government.

Travancore House.

247. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state the terms and conditions on which the Travancore House at New Delhi is being lent for purposes of the Constituent Assembly?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: The buildings which are proposed to be lent, which were put up by the Government of India at their own expense, are temporary buildings not fit for permanent retention and are intended to be ultimately demolished by the Government of India at their own expense. The Government of India asked for permission of this Government to retain and use them for the use of the Constituent Assembly, and Government accepted the suggestion.

Construction of new Churches.

248. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for the construction of new Churches in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively; and

(c) the number pending disposal out of the applications of 1120 and 1121 respectively?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar:

	1120.	1121.
(a)	16	7
(b)	3	2
(c)	Nil	1

Malayalam Pandits.

249. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the recent revision of scales of pay has not benefited the entire personnel of the public service;

(b) whether the pay of Malayalam Pandits in English High Schools who were on a scale of pay of Rs. 25-45 from 1935 and who have reached the maximum at that time has been revised till this; and

(c) whether they are aware that those referred to in (b) have not been benefited by the revision of the scales of pay?